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# The Secret of Character.

Intro:—

1. The Sources of character as contained in the text. The four contrasted.

## I. Character does not depend on Blood.

2. True character not born of Blood.
   a - A great & good ancestry no guarantee of character.
      '1'- The Jews: "We be children of Abraham."
      '2'- "We be Romans."
      Both have disappeared.
   b - Modern tendency
      '1'- The Englishman, "I am an Englishman."
      '2'- The American, "I am an American."

3. Inheritance, however valuable is not the foundation of Character
   A child of Abraham may be degenerate
   A Roman may be base
   An Anglo-Saxon may be mean
   An Englishman may be vicious
   An American may go to pieces.

4. Good blood does not make character & bad blood does not destroy it.
   The testimony of the specialist on "Insanity."
   "Insanity is never inherited."
   "The man whose father & mother & grandfather & grandmother were insane if just the one who ought not to go insane, for he knows what are his weaknesses, and he knows how to guard himself against them. No one ever inherits insanity."

5, Norman ever inherited sin.
a- not any original sin.
b- appetites, passions, temptations, weakness, faulties & infirmities are inherited, but sin & virtue are not inherited.
c- Virtue & character cannot be transmitted from father to child.
d- Men are neither born sinners nor born saints.

th. Character does not depend upon the will of the flesh.-

6. The flesh means the animal man.
a Character does not depend upon a strong, virile, vigorous, stalwart will in the man himself.
b- The value of God does not depend upon strong will, whether it be a king, aristocracy, or even a democracy.
1- The once strong God in France went to pieces.
2- No nation yet saved by the bayonet.
7 c- A strong will will not shake the home safe
d- many a well-governed child goes astray.
b- not enough to prevent a child from Drunkenness & drinking, you must make him hate self-indulgence and sensuality.
d- a strong will, a sober working from without inward, cannot save nation nor family.

8. The two processes - power working from
within developing - Contrasted.
a - The result of Revolution in France
France exploded, with her Bourbon King,
her standing army & military power.
b - The result of the Revolution in England.
England lacked such a force but she had
a Protestant Church, a Wesleyan
movement, an educational movement.
And of the Rev. England developed a
larger & a better & a nobler life.
c - The Restoration of the Union.
'1' - Not restored with the surrender of Lee at
Appomattox Court-House.
that was had the opportunity.
'2' The school, the missionary, the merchant,
the manufacturer, the traveling salesman
& agent, the whole life of the North
poured out into the South.

9. A strong will cannot save the individual
a - no man can be large, strong, rich, full,
splendid, by possessing a strong will.

III. Character not dependent on the will of
of man.
10. The modern equivalent of "will power"
perhaps "education"
11. Education as a modern panacea cannot
save the world.
a - The awful absurdity of the idea that
with education we need no religion.
nor Bible.

knows anything of his ancestry.
Let both ask & take God for
their Father & inheritance!
b- For the man with the strong will
& the man " a weak will.
Being strong will not make him a
friend, & sympathizer & helper.
Being weak, he can be reinforced
by the Divinely strong will of God.
c— For the educated man
& for the uneducated man.
Well equipped, but for what?
"Knowledge shall vanish away;
but faith, hope & love abideth
forever".

4. Conclusion — Summary.
Character not due to inheritance,
mills, power, culture: but to
the life of God in the soul of
man.

b- The education immoral man.
b- yellow journalism.
"Rome, tho longer satisfied with
mimic shows of horror, made
real ones.
'2' The taste our newspapers cultivate
for the robbery, murder, cruelty
will begin soon to demand
the real thing.

## III. The Hope of the world is in God.

12. The hope of America
a:- not in the inheritance — Sons & Daughters
of the Revolution, Sons & Daughters of
the Mayflower & of the Puritans.
b:- not in a strong govt, ind its politics
or families.
c:- not in its public schools, if they
do not educate the conscience as
well as the intellect.
d:- Is in God, who thru all these
can speak to the souls of His
children & draw them unto
Himself.
e- Only as we get near to God
and live according to His nature
and idea of right & wrong.
13. The application of this truth.
a- for the man who looks back upon his
ancestry and for the man who